



Meeting Minutes

27 Balm Grove Ave

Asheville, NC 28806

10/10/23 5:30 PM

Present: Robby Russell (via Zoom), Kathey Avery, Crystal MacKinnon, Kerry Friedman, David Robinson, Andy Barnett

Staff: Kidada Wynn, Joyce Hicks (via Zoom), Camesha Minto, Malik

- Welcome/Quorum: 5:59PM Meeting is commenced by Robby Russell
- 6:00PM: Robby Russell opens for public comment; there is none.
- 6:02PM: Robby Russell moves to approve consent agenda; Kerry Friedman seconds; none oppose.
- 6:02PM: Crystal MacKinnon moves to approve September's minutes, noting the correction of "First Bank" to "First Citizens Bank;" Andy Barnett seconds; none oppose.
- 6:03PM: Joyce Hicks, Financial Controller presents FY 2023/24 Financial updates
 - Fundraiser has been moved to 11/11/23
 - The Board met with IFP on 9/20
 - NC Access Fund approved for \$191k reimbursement
 - Will be receiving \$400 more per student from the state
 - Legal fees need to be closely monitored as well as tech services
 - Balance sheet review
 - Andy Barnett requests a cash flow projection; Joyce will prepare
- 6:21PM: Robby Russell provides private donor fundraising updates.
- 6:28PM: Officer/committee nominations discussed; Robby will inquire as to when Mr. Bell may return
 - Crystal MacKinnon nominated by Kerry Friedman as Secretary; David Robinson seconds; none opposed. Crystal MacKinnon accepts the nomination and is now Secretary.
 - David Robinson nominated by Kathey Avery as Vice Chair; Andy Barnett seconds; none oppose; David Robinson accepts the nomination and is now Vice Chair
 - Robby Russell indicates he intends to finish out the school year on the board

- Discussion of the Executive Committee resuming monthly meetings in advance of the board meeting
- Andy Barnett proposes a two-committee structure: Internal matters/External matters & suggests the board add up to four new members
- 6:38PM: Kidada Wynn reports three students have withdrawn leaving current enrollment at 170. Lack of gym was cited as one of the reasons. Kidada expresses that building capacity issues continue as needs grow
- 6:42PM: Camesha Minto presents test scores and data from the 21/22 school year
- 7:00PM: Kidada Wynn presents the school leader's report.
 - Bus driver monitors are needed for instances where the bus driver must step away from the bus when scholars are on board
 - Kathey Avery inquires whether there are cameras on the busses; Malik states that they came with cameras, but they were stolen; Kidada Wynn will ask Utica if our insurance policy would pay to replace them and/or check the cost of replacements
 - There is a custodial prospect to clean the school and the fellowship hall; the scholars now eat lunch in the fellowship hall
 - If we opt in for parental leave, DPI will reimburse for substitute costs.
 - Kerry Friedman moves that we opt in for parental leave; David Robinson seconds; none oppose.
 - The Fall Festival will be October 26th at the school
 - New food vendor prospect: Purple Pigs Table. Equal Plates continues to have quality control issues and food waste continues to be a problem. Equal Plates does not provide a hot breakfast, utensils, milk, or juice. Purple Pigs Table will provide those things which are currently provided by PEAK, but cost may increase up to \$20k annually. Kerry Friedman requests that Kidada Wynn review our contract with Equal Plates and ensure that adequate notice of termination of contract is given.
 - Kerry Friedman moves that Kidada Wynn may enter into negotiations with Purple Pigs Table not to exceed \$170k annually (\$20k increase) & move forward with terminating the Equal Plates contract; Kathey Avery seconds; none oppose
- 7:32PM: Andy Barnett moves that the board go into closed session; Kerry Friedman seconds; none oppose
- 8:16PM: David Robinson moves that the board go into open session; Kerry Friedman seconds; none oppose
- 8:16PM: David Robinson moves to adjourn; Kathey Avery seconds; none oppose